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## Took Another Recess.

The county commissioners met again last Thursday and allowed part of the election expenses and took a recess until next Saturday, the 22nd. According to the clerk's judgment this ties up the returns and can't be published and the public is as much in the dark as ever.

It is hoped that the mandamus case will be appealed and filed in the supreme court by that time so that the commissioners can certify to the returns without certifying to a lie, and at the same time escape punishment for contempt of court.

Mr. Nixon's attorneys, of course, are delaying the case as long as possible in the hope of defeating the will of the people. Anything but fairness goes with them.

A recount of the ballots would show Mr. Walker elected by 75 or 80 yet the people of this county must go down in their pockets individually to get his five plurality counted which appears on the poll books, saying nothing of the votes thrown aside on mere technicalities.

Verily, it does seem that "purification in politics is an iridescent dream."

## Sad News for Dr. Ayers.

Mrs. Anna E. Blickhahn, of Walsenburg, Colorado, died November 9th, of pneumonia. She was the oldest daughter of Dr. Geo. W. Ayers, of this city, and the news of her death came with a great shock to the father. The following account of her death is taken from the Walsenburg Yucca:

Mrs. Anna E. Blickhahn, wife of Judge Henry Blickhahn, died at the family home in this place at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, Nov. 9, 1902, of pneumonia.

Funeral services were held at the house at 2:30 Monday afternoon under the auspices of the order of the Eastern Star of which she was a member.

Mrs. Blickhahn was born in DuRoi, N. Y., and at the time of her death was 40 years, 7 months and 17 days old. She leaves a husband, father, brother, sister and six children to mourn her loss. Her father and brother reside in Kansas and her sister, Mrs. Frank McHarg, resides here. Her children are Mrs. Geo. Lillis, Kathrine, Edna, George and Harry, all of whom are living here.

During her long residence in Walsenburg Mrs. Blickhahn has made many warm friends who will feel her loss keenly.

C. Q. Chandler and wife welcomed a nice boy baby at their home on Saturday, November 15th. We don't think a happier man walks the streets of Medicine Lodge than C. Q.

Prof. J. T. Owens, an armless man, was here several days entertaining the people. He has wonderful power with his feet—plays all sorts of stringed instruments, sharpens pencils, writes a nice manuscript, shaves himself, threads a needle and makes his feet and toes take the place of hands and fingers. He explains his skill from the fact that he was born armless and learned to use his legs and feet in this way from childhood.

## Interesting Meetings.

Dr. L. D. Lamkin is conducting a series of very interesting revival meetings at the Baptist church and is being greeted with a large congregation each day and night. He arrived on Tuesday of last week and has given his whole energies to the meetings every day since his arrival. The meetings will close next Sunday night.

The results of the meetings are very satisfactory. On Monday night there were seven conversions and several before and since that time. The church is crowded with interested listeners each night.

Dr. Lamkin is an able and forcible evangelist and carries the gospel truth to his listeners with great earnestness and simplicity. His sermons are matchless in clearness and carry great weight with those who have a desire to learn biblical facts and ally themselves on the side of christianity.

The business men of the city have kindly consented to close their stores at 7 o'clock every night this week in order to give Dr. Lamkin every advantage to carry on the laudable work. Those who have not yet heard him should avail themselves of the opportunity before he leaves the city. If it does not elevate you spiritually it will certainly be an intellectual treat.

We believe the city has been made better by his coming.

## Dr. Matt Hughes Comes Next.

Heretofore it has been announced that the next number of the Lecture Course would be the Ritchie Entertainers who come on December 15th. Since then word has been received that on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, Dr. Matt Hughes will lecture. He was to come the last of December but in order for the Central Lyceum Bureau, which control his dates, to make the best connections, it has given him December 2nd for Medicine Lodge. The other company, the Ritchie Unique Entertainers, will come at their appointed date, Dec. 15th. This change will not in any way be disappointing, for Dr. Hughes is equal to Col. Ham as a lecturer. You can still get season tickets. There are over one hundred left. Let at least one hundred persons get season tickets. You can get five of the very best attractions, costing the management at least \$450 for only \$1.50. Order your season tickets at once at Young's drug store before Dr. Hughes comes.

## The Chicago Tramp.

The "Chicago Tramp" played at the opera house Saturday night was not a disappointment. It was all that was claimed for it in the advertisement and all who heard it were well entertained.

The C. E. of the Christian church will conduct a pie sale the day before Thanksgiving, for the benefit of the building fund. See them and get a good pie for Thanksgiving and help build a church. Sale at E. Youmans' store.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Ladies' hosiery at Howe & Burton's.

J. M. Crouse and E. L. McCracken went to Meade last Friday on stock business.

Mrs. L. H. Patton was up from Oklahoma last week visiting with relatives and friends.

Thanksgiving day a week from tomorrow—the 27th. The usual proclamations have been issued.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give an oyster supper Nov. 20th, in the church parlor.

Combine style and comfort by getting your fall and winter millinery goods at Howe & Burton's.

Remember Dr. Hughes is equal to Col. Ham and will give great satisfaction. Come and hear him Dec. 2nd.

When you have "that tired feeling" go to Brewer's Billiard Hall and play a nice sociable game of Billiards or Pool.

Fred Hardy and little boy visited with the folks in the city over Sunday, returning to his home at Alva Monday.

From present indications Captain Titus will be ready to occupy his new house within a week or two. It will be a dandy.

Big Stock of Noyse & Norman shoes at H. T. Woodward's. Best on the market. New in style and superior in quality.

If you want water-proof boots or shoes that will wear well get a pair of the celebrated Sharkskin brand at H. T. Woodward's.

Call at Hall Hdw. Co's and see the new Osborne half-inch coil-tooth hay rake, the only one on the market and fully guaranteed.

Mrs. W. J. Weber left last Thursday for Boston, Mass., in response to a letter informing her of the serious sickness of her mother.

The workmen on the new church are making rapid strides. At the rate they are now going the church will be completed sooner than expected.

The new time card on the Santa Fe went into effect on Monday. The morning train leaves at 10:50 a. m. and returns at 2:30 p. m. Leaves at 8:20 p. m. and returns at 10:55 p. m.

Public Sale at Mrs. Lytle's farm five miles northwest of Medicine Lodge on Friday, November 28th. A chance to get good stock and farm machinery cheap.

John L. Potts, of Kingman, and Cora M. Wainscott, of Hazelton, were united in marriage by Probate Judge Lacy on Tuesday evening of last week, November 11th.

On account of the revival services being held in the Baptist church the Ladies of the Presbyterian church have postponed their Oyster Supper and general supper advertised for Nov. 20 until Tuesday, Nov. 25th.

A. R. Vanhorn was in from Sun City Monday. Speaking of the election in Barber this fall, he says that the methods employed by the g. o. p. machine would cause the overcast ward heeler in St. Louis, New York or Chicago to blush for shame.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Tressie Grigsby, of Sawyer, Kansas, to Oscar Ray Stephens. Miss Grigsby has a large circle of friends in Attica, who wish her happiness and congratulate Mr. Stephens in his happy choice.—Attica Independent.

It is stated that the republicans are going to contest Allen Smith and Billie Haun. Certainly, if they can knock out five plurality they can knock out 105. With them it has resolved itself into a question of power in high places. The question of right doesn't enter into it at all. We learned that when they enacted their dastardly ballot law.

Hon. H. C. Walker was in town last Friday. He looked a little the worse on account of the accident he met in a runaway a week before, but otherwise was in good spirits. He is patiently awaiting final results in the representative case but he will not surrender. The only way the machine can get the office this year is to steal it outright.

## Prizes Awarded.

The Flower Show last week given by the ladies of the Monday Afternoon Club was a gratifying success to those who had it in charge and the ladies desire to thank the public for the interest taken in the event and for their liberal patronage. In connection with the beautiful display of flowers, there was an interesting program rendered each night and refreshments were also provided for all who wished to indulge.

You never know what is in a town or a community until you have an opportunity to observe. The display of flowers of different descriptions on this occasion was a credit to the city primarily and to those who exhibited and are their owners, especially.

The old "curiosity shop" received also much of the attention of the spectators, where keep-sakes and mementos of several generations ago were on exhibition, some of them reputed to be 300 to 400 years old.

The art department was liberally patronized and besides being attractive in appearance, yielded some financial advantage.

The hall decorations were all beautiful and reminded us all that there really is a bright side in life.

The following is a list of premiums awarded:

## FIRST PRIZES.

Pink Chrysanthemum—Celery Tray given by Mrs. Southworth, awarded to Mrs. Hibbard.

White Chrysanthemum—Celery Tray given by Mrs. Belden and Mrs. Hammond, awarded to Mrs. Lorton.

Yellow Chrysanthemum—Chop Dish given by Mrs. Young and Mrs. Griffin, awarded to Mrs. Dobbs.

Red Chrysanthemum—Nut Cracker and Picks given by Mrs. R. H. Hall, awarded to Mrs. Lorton.

Lavender Chrysanthemum—Picture given by Mrs. Young and Miss Sample, awarded to Mrs. McCague.

Bronze Chrysanthemum—Silver Meat Fork given by Mrs. Lytle, Miss Simmons and Mr. Sellers, awarded to Mrs. Robt. Simpson.

Collection House Plants—Salad Bowl, given by Mr. Titus, awarded to Mrs. Hibbard.

Cut Flowers—Bread Pan given by Mr. Chase, awarded to Mrs. B. E. Wadsworth.

## SECOND PRIZES.

Pink Chrysanthemum—Year's subscription Cresset given by Axline & Lorton, awarded to Mrs. Lorton.

White Chrysanthemum—Year's subscription Index given by Painter & Herr, awarded to Mrs. Lorton.

Yellow Chrysanthemum—Opera Shawl given by Purdy & Clay, awarded to Mrs. Palmer.

Red Chrysanthemum—Cup, Saucer and Plate given by Miss Howe and Miss Taber, awarded to Mrs. J. C. Davis.

Lavender Chrysanthemum—Picture given by Mrs. R. H. Hall, awarded to Mrs. Lorton.

Bronze Chrysanthemum—Collar given by J. D. Fair & Son, awarded to Mrs. Robt. Simpson.

Collection House Plants—Lecture course ticket given by Mrs. Rubert, Mrs. Houchin and Mrs. Fair, awarded to Mrs. McCague.

Cut Flowers—Box Confectionery given by Jno. Luallen, awarded to Mrs. Youmans.

H. H. Case returned home from Topeka last Wednesday. Huston cuts a wide swath among the politicians in the capital city and if we don't miss our guess he will be a strong factor in the senatorial contest.

Dr. Matt Hughes lectured last night on "The American Pessimist." This was a splendid lecture, interesting with just enough wit and funny stories to keep the audience in good humor.—Winfield Courier.

The attorney general's ruling on compensation for judges and clerks of election works great injustice where a large vote is cast. They get no more for counting three sets of ballots than they do for counting one set. In this township the men began work at eight o'clock on the morning of the 4th and worked continuously until about five on the evening of the 5th, got no sleep at all, and received only \$4.50 for it. It isn't right.

Dr. Hammond, dentist, office one door south of Gem Drug store.

## ELDER TANKSLEY RETRACTS.

A Plain Statement of His Charge Against Vernon J. Rose and an Unqualified Retraction.

Elder R. H. Tanksley has done the honorable thing in explaining how he came to make a mistake in making a serious charge against Hon. Vernon J. Rose the democratic candidate for congressman, and makes public retraction in the following statement which he requests us to publish which request we gladly grant.

November 16, 1902

Two weeks ago today, after preaching a sermon from the text, "Here have we no continuing city but we seek one in the world to come," emphasizing the necessity of raising the standard of morals and of christian living in the home, thus preparing ourselves for the never changing home above, and applying it to the removing from our present church home to the new and better equipped church that we were about to construct, urging them not to be too much attached to earthly structures, I said we are soon to cast a freeman's ballot again and our vote will largely determine our interest in the home. Continuing, I said that we sometimes become so blinded by party prejudice that we seem to forget the moral interest of home, then saying that we have a bald-headed bachelor running for office in our state who has no more interest (seemingly) in our homes than to say that he did not believe there was a virtuous woman in the state. After closing the service I was asked whom I meant and I said Vernon J. Rose, giving as my authority Mrs. H. E. Shepherd. Some prohibitionists said "That's a good talk for us," but some democrats came to me and said "That's a speech for Mr. Long and you must have been paid for it," which was very unjust as well as untrue. But so sure was I that the statement could be substantiated that I asked a prominent Democrat to call Mrs. Shepherd over the phone and I would pay all expenses, which proposition was refused. The matter was referred to Mr. Rose by wire. He answered that the statement was a lie and I could choose between a retraction or a suit. I said "I'll not retract now for I believe it is true and I will have to hear from her first." I wrote her immediately but went to see her later and passed the answer to my letter on the way. She tells me that my wife was mistaken, that she (Mrs. Shepherd) inferring 12 preachers, Mr. Rose and another, that the other said he did not believe there was a true woman in the church, and that she had gotten the names confused.

As for what I said as a principle and the application I made of it I have no apology to offer but as a gentleman and a minister of His Word I am doubly sorry that I have used the name of Mr. Rose and I hereby exonerate him absolutely from the charge made. In his behalf I offer this apology before you, my congregation, and I make this acknowledgment in the Index where reference was made to this unfortunate mistake two weeks ago.

Yours for better citizenship.

R. H. TANKSLEY,  
Pastor Christian Church.

## THE RETRACTION.

To whom it may concern:—

On the 2nd day of November, in the pulpit of the Christian Church at Medicine Lodge, Kansas, I, the undersigned, made the statement that a certain man who was running for office in Kansas had stated that he did not believe there was a virtuous woman in the state. Immediately after the close of the services, in private conversation, I stated to John W. Finley and others that I referred to Vernon J. Rose.

I hereby acknowledge the incorrectness of that charge, retract my statement in reference to Mr. Rose and exonerate him absolutely in that matter.

R. H. TANKSLEY.

Ralph Faxon has Long's headquarters open in the Copeland at Topeka and looks like a man confident of having the world by the appendage on the down grade.

If you want corn and corn chop and other feed at right prices come to Forsyth's mill.

## The Ideal Trio Concert Company

Comes to Medicine Lodge, Wednesday, November 26th. This company is composed of three splendid artists. Mr. David P. Hotten is a humorous reader and by his fine elocution will greatly delight his audience. His selection, "Woah Mule," will make your sides ache because of laughter. He has a number of readings and can give encores. Mr. Louis Allen is well known in southern Kansas as a vocalist, having traveled with the Arion Quartette, and as a dramatic reader he has gained

a state reputation. He has represented his college twice in the state oratorical contest, receiving first place in thought and composition. Besides he has won a gold medal in an elocutionary contest in his college. Mr. Wesley Farmer is one of the few very promising young pianists of the west. He renders some of the most difficult selections with ease and brilliancy. His playing is remarkable for one of his age. The following is a part of the program:

## -- Programme --

Grand March from Tanhauser..... Wagner  
..... Mr. Farmer.  
"The Uncle" Adapted to music for Sir Henry Irving..... Benedict  
..... Mr. Allen.  
The Party..... Dunbar  
..... Mr. Hotten.

Creole Love Song.....Buck  
..... Mr. Allen.  
Poem for Piano.....Foote  
..... Mr. Farmer.  
Woah Mule.....Lewis  
..... Mr. Hotten.  
The Two Grenadiers.....Schumann  
..... Mr. Allen.  
Pantomime, arranged by Company.

This concert company has nothing to do with the Lecture Course attractions. The Epworth League of this town by the aid of their pastor is pushing this attraction. Half of the net receipts go to

home missions. This will be a splendid opportunity for every citizen to enjoy a musical treat and help the home missions. Prices are 15, 25 and 30 cents.